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REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1951.

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POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 31st December, 1950, was estimated to be 573,671, comprising 295,102 Males and 278,569 Females.

On the 30th December, 1950, the population of the Metropolitan Area was estimated at 309,000.

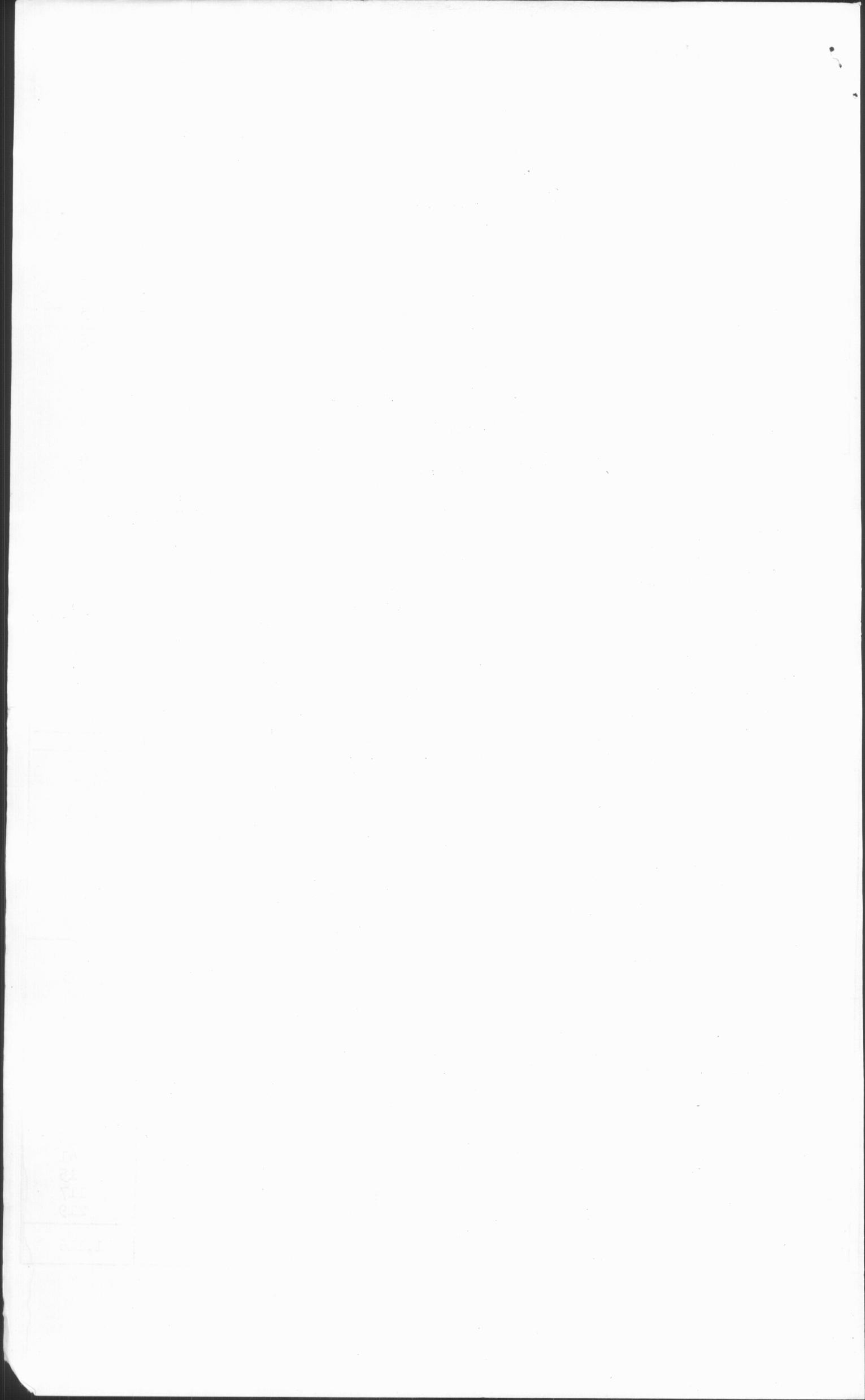
MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

	MARCH		3 Months ended MARCH	
	1951	1950	1951	1950
Marriages	Number	520	484	1,493
	* Rate per 1000 of Popln.	10.62	10.35	10.53
Births	Number	1,243	1,210	3,730
	* Rate per 1000 of Popln.	25.54	25.86	26.31
Deaths	Number	372	374	1,187
	* Rate per 1000 of Popln.	7.67	7.99	8.37
Infant Mortality	Number	37	31	142
	Rate per 1000 Live Births	30.58	25.62	38.41
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -				
Tuberculosis		13	13	28
Cancer		47	57	158
Influenza		-	-	-
Diphtheria		1	-	2
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.		38	42	117
Arteriosclerosis		9	5	29
Diseases of the Heart		117	92	344
Pneumonia and Broncho Pneumonia		10	11	42
Diarrhoea and Enteritis		8	3	26
Nephritis		3	5	19
Diseases of Early Infancy		20	16	79
Senility		1	4	6
Accidents		35	47	108
All Other Causes		65	79	229
	Total	372	374	1,187
				1,116

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

† Deaths under one year.

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LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the four months ended April totalled 365,812 acres, an increase of 173,903 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 1,115,100 acres, an increase of 975,703 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of APRIL		10 Months ended APRIL	
	1951	1950	1951	1950
Revenue	£	£	£	£
Revenue per Head of Popln.	2,481,162 £4. 5. 11d.	2,237,690 £4. 0. 11d.	21,457,488 £37.15.7d.	19,547,889 £35.19.7d.
Expenditure	2,461,695 £4. 5. 3d.	2,269,559 £4. 2. 1d.	22,554,354 £39.14.2d.	19,914,409 £36.13.1d.
Expenditure per Head of Popln.				

SAVINGS BANKS.

Depositors' Balances on the 30th April amounted to £43,598,563 or £75.8.7d. per head of population as against £38,781,512 or £70.0.1d. per head as at the 31st March last year.

30th April

BANK CLEARANCES.

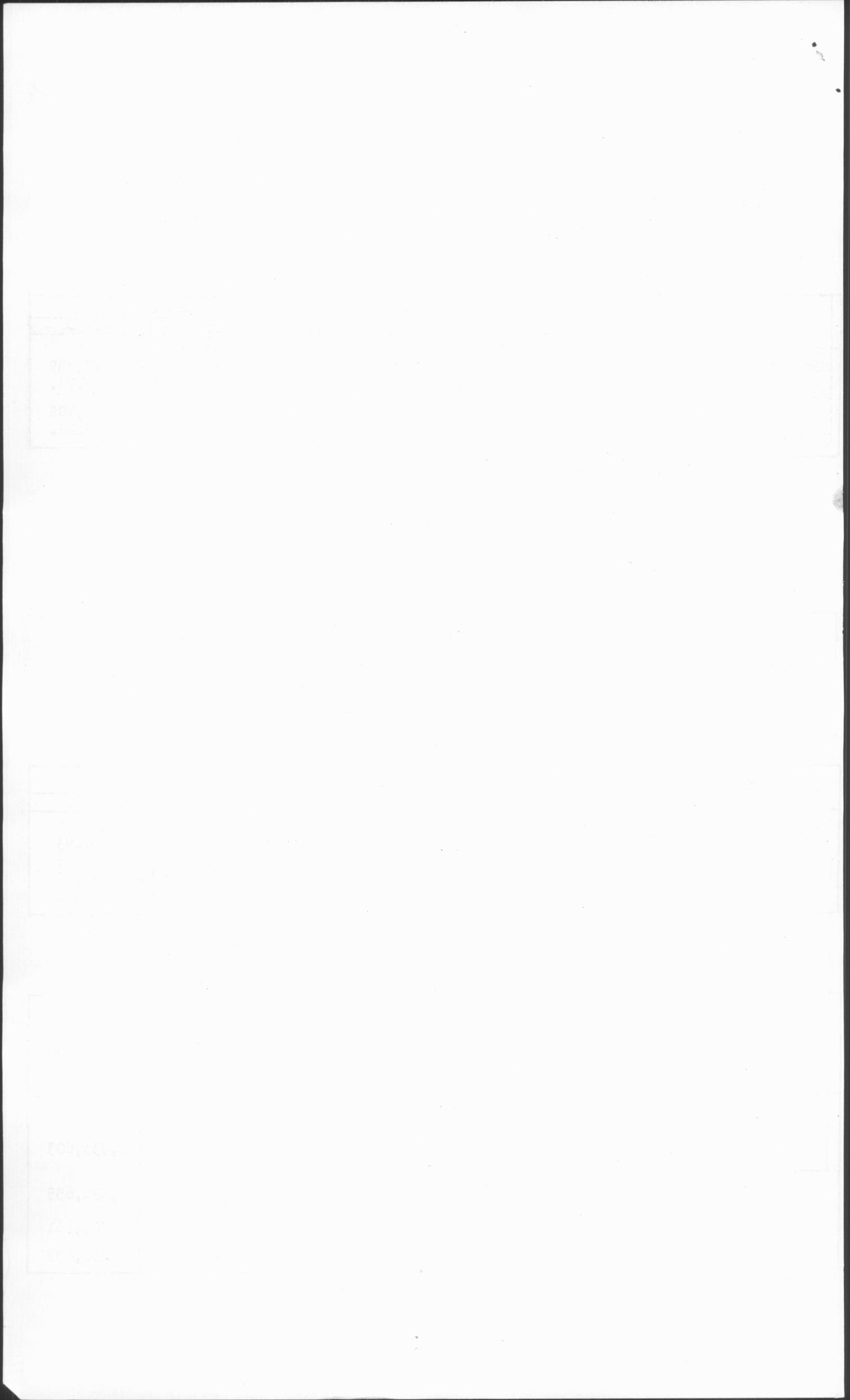
The average weekly clearance for the 4 weeks ended 25th April 1951 amounted to £14,824,793 compared with £6,716,850 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles & Deeds	APRIL		10 Months ended APRIL	
	1951	1950	1951	1950
Transfers	No. 2,426	£ 1,787	20,340	17,572
Mortgages	No. 3,297,877	£ 1,874,687	24,440,393	15,262,493
Discharges of Mortgages	No. 1,367 £ 1,833,214	1,094 1,293,642	13,997 17,755,512	10,896 12,168,538
	No. 1,203	833	9,844	8,687

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
Ten Months ended April, 1950	£ 18,943,012	£ 12,432,031	£ 39,389,151	£ 1,933,603
Ten Months ended April, 1951	£ 23,936,960	£ 17,543,768	£ 49,203,773	£ 2,494,655
Month of April, 1950	£ 1,914,934	£ 1,393,675	£ 3,414,919	£ 204,861
Month of April, 1951	£ 2,341,460	£ 2,121,557	£ 6,215,230	£ 290,639



COMPANIES REGISTERED.

97 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £4,329,000 and 37 Foreign Companies were registered during the ten months ended April, 1951. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 81 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £3,506,000 and 55 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	Ten Months ended APRIL					
	1951		1950			
No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets	
Sequestration Orders	22	£ 65,579	35,304	19	£ 30,160	£ 46,442
Deeds of Assignment (a)	13	30,656	30,613	14	40,514	18,517
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for general and passenger traffic, were as follows:-

	FEBRUARY		8 Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1951	1950	1951	1950
Gross Earnings (a)	£ 521,800	506,200	4,538,400	4,100,900
Working Expenses (a)	£ 697,594	562,544	5,466,019	4,679,988
Train Miles Run	No. 556,000	548,649	4,776,480	4,361,026
Motor Bus Miles Run	No. 145,034	116,110	1,084,065	777,090
Passenger Journeys -				
Train	No. 1,273,046	872,619	7,609,308	7,311,896
Motor Bus	No. 41,231	36,607	352,220	312,923
Tonnage Carried -				
Paying Goods	230,463	222,870	1,896,153	1,751,223
Livestock	11,061	10,462	108,199	109,498
Departmental (Free Freight)	77,271	50,128	563,854	355,284
Total	318,795	283,460	2,568,206	2,216,005
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods	34,991,436	34,731,369	291,788,522	268,856,723
Livestock	1,284,543	1,114,632	13,676,103	13,622,124
Departmental (Free Freight)	8,894,284	7,204,903	67,898,107	55,137,846
Total	45,170,263	43,050,904	373,362,732	337,616,693

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES).

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1947	1,224	519	40	593	2,066	1,685	54	883
Year 1948	2,083	726	63	824	4,036	2,483	114	1,376
Year 1949	3,250	1,141	79	1,160	6,592	3,722	156	2,120
Year 1950	4,664	1,901	86	1,214	9,325	5,660	150	2,390
<u>1951 -</u>								
January	264	137	3	123	507	458	5	208
February	348	177	2	137	654	526	5	224
March	354	199	2	208	666	604	4	338

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)*

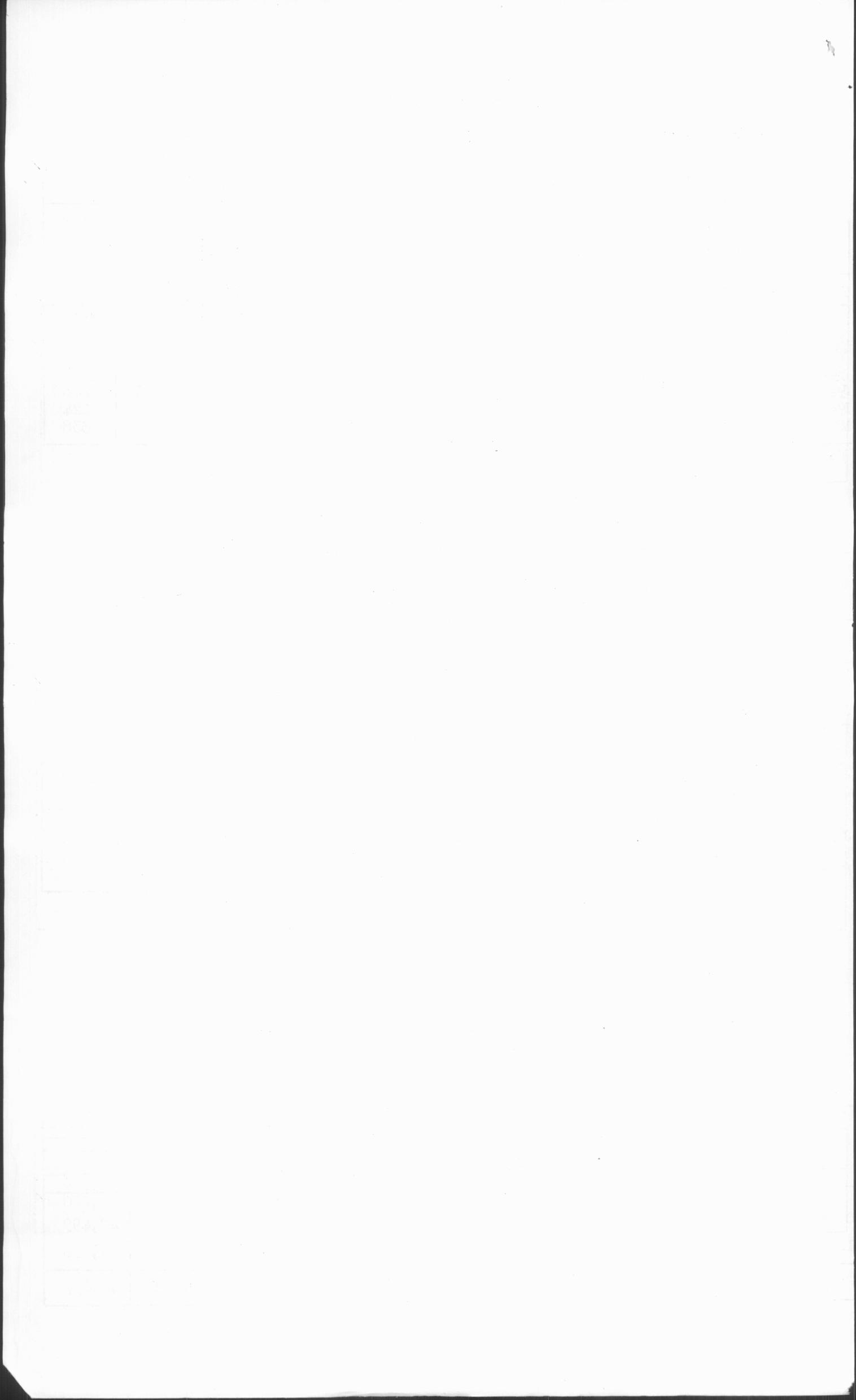
Date (As at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<u>1948 -</u>								
June	21,968	10,132	275	5,445	35,485	34,362	457	8,874
December	23,389	11,081	335	6,063	37,820	36,453	572	9,622
<u>1949 -</u>								
June	24,259	11,330	364	6,729	39,989	37,680	648	10,972
December	26,245	11,989	402	7,286	43,981	40,412	781	11,740
<u>1950 -</u>								
June	28,529	12,530	443	7,707	48,485	41,688	826	12,890
December	31,223	13,490	494	8,230	52,185	42,792	903	13,030
<u>1951 -</u>								
January	31,463	13,645	497	8,341	51,830	41,257	898	12,853
February	31,656	13,783	498	8,437	52,904	42,942	917	13,256
March	31,900	13,932	496	8,550	53,460	43,496	917	13,500

* Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles, which comprised for March, 1951, 123 Cars; 787 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 8 Buses and 14 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (Interstate and Oversea).

Trade of Western Australia, March, 1951 and 1950 and 9 months ended March, 1951 and 1950, expressed in terms of Australian Currency :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	MARCH		9 Months ended MARCH		MARCH		9 Months ended MARCH	
	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950
Oversea	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000
	2,967	2,841	29,564	24,472	11,599	7,258	73,662	42,499
Interstate	3,606	2,291	33,588	24,405	822	312	6,450	4,198
TOTAL	6,573	5,132	63,152	48,877	12,421	7,570	80,112	46,697



BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	(b) 3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
<u>1951 - Mar. Qr.</u>	442	583	780	1,255	8	26	82	189	1,312	2,053

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residential, excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(b) Includes 280 individual Flat units, and 1 Shop and dwelling combined for a total value of £279,000.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Including Owner-Built Homes).

Period	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
<u>1951 - Mar. Qr.</u>	447	877	93	88	613	803	21	22	1,174	1,790

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

273,283 lbs. were produced during March, 1951 and 13,356,000 lbs. for the eight months ended March, 1951, as against 201,553 and 13,402,254 lbs. respectively, for the corresponding periods for 1950.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	APRIL		4 Months ended APRIL	
	1951	1950	1951	1950
Quantity ... Fine Ozs.	47,150	42,923	197,663	182,759
Value (Aust. Currency) £	730,440	665,712	3,062,143	2,832,767

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the four months ended April, 1951, amounted to £178,856. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1950 amounted to £295,572.

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RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series : Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

Town	Food and Groceries				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series).			
	MARCH		12 Months ended MARCH		MARCH QUARTER		12 Months ended MARCH	
	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950
Metropolitan Area	1847	1527	1667	1475	1712	1479	1596	1445
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1961	1657	1796	1609	1782	1571	1689	1535
Northam	1846	1554	1682	1494	1732	1494	1610	1457
Bunbury	1837	1524	1682	1480	1719	1499	1614	1460
Geraldton	1895	1565	1710	1511	1809	1546	1677	1508
Collie	1846	1539	1680	1493	1643	1419	1533	1386

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic).

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month	1950			1951		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	117,756	38,819	156,575	123,741	40,324	164,065
February	118,064	39,050	157,114	124,946	41,182	166,128
March	119,009	39,708	158,717			
April	119,440	39,726	159,166			
May	120,616	39,755	160,371			
June	120,479	39,952	160,431			
July	120,412	39,753	160,165			
August	121,263	40,015	161,278			
September	121,691	40,367	162,058			
October	121,871	40,343	162,214			
November	122,889	40,583	163,472			
December	123,146	41,199	164,345			

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1947	1948	1949(a)	1950(a)	1951(a)	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951
January	162	171	179	199	204	1134	1233	1354	1410	1490
February	164	172	182	196	207	1138	1249	1358	1387	1495
March	166	176	186	198		1145	1264	1371	1415	
April	167	176	187	199		1144	1264	1377	1415	
May	168	177	187	201		1151	1277	1354	1418	
June	167	177	187	201		1153	1277	1362	1429	
July	167	177	182	200		1168	1301	1381	1423	
August	167	179	187	201		1181	1294	1377	1419	
September	168	180	191	202		1172	1302	1365	1428	
October	168	180	191	203		1184	1318	1375	1431	
November	169	182	192	203		1215	1349	1402	1450	
December	170	182	193	203		1267	1385	1470	1531	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1949 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

Model		Parameter		Value	
		Min	Max	Mean	SD
QAL	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.001
QAL	0.05	0.00	0.10	0.05	0.01
QAL	0.10	0.00	0.20	0.10	0.02
QAL	0.20	0.00	0.40	0.20	0.04
QAL	0.40	0.00	0.80	0.40	0.10
QAL	0.60	0.00	1.00	0.60	0.10
QAL	0.80	0.00	1.00	0.80	0.10

Model		Parameter		Value	
		Min	Max	Mean	SD
QAL	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.001
QAL	0.05	0.00	0.10	0.05	0.01
QAL	0.10	0.00	0.20	0.10	0.02
QAL	0.20	0.00	0.40	0.20	0.04
QAL	0.40	0.00	0.80	0.40	0.10
QAL	0.60	0.00	1.00	0.60	0.10
QAL	0.80	0.00	1.00	0.80	0.10

(d) Animal Model
Estimated Parameters

Model		Parameter		Value	
		Min	Max	Mean	SD
QAL	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.001
QAL	0.05	0.00	0.10	0.05	0.01
QAL	0.10	0.00	0.20	0.10	0.02
QAL	0.20	0.00	0.40	0.20	0.04
QAL	0.40	0.00	0.80	0.40	0.10
QAL	0.60	0.00	1.00	0.60	0.10
QAL	0.80	0.00	1.00	0.80	0.10

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

(Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician).

Month	Admittances			Discharges			On Benefit end of Month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1949 -</u>									
January	112	6	118	98	3	101	116	5	121
February	72	3	75	78	5	83	110	3	113
March	50	-	50	62	2	64	98	1	99
April	57	5	62	72	2	74	83	4	87
May	37	3	40	33	3	36	87	4	91
June	57	7	64	44	4	48	100	7	107
July	4,645	665	5,310	4,371	643	5,014	374	29	403
August	104	9	113	195	19	214	283	19	302
September	67	2	69	102	7	109	248	14	262
October	67	12	79	82	7	89	233	19	252
November	34	7	41	43	4	47	224	22	246
December	38	3	41	25	2	27	237	23	260
<u>1950 -</u>									
January	69	3	72	146	8	154	160	18	178
February	46	7	53	56	5	61	150	20	170
March	36	5	41	49	5	54	137	20	157
April	45	10	55	86	10	96	96	20	116
May	52	10	62	53	8	61	95	22	117
June	105	19	124	114	19	133	86	22	108
July	93	22	115	77	15	92	102	29	131
August	72	10	82	65	17	82	109	22	131
September	39	12	41	39	8	47	109	26	135
October	26	6	32	37	8	45	98	24	122

STATE BASIC WAGE.

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
30th April, 1951	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station).

Particulars	APRIL		10 Months ended APRIL	
	1951	1950	1951	1950
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	23,877	20,149	225,785	191,525
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	21,710	18,402	206,804	175,031

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
April, 1951	5,710	196	33,829	8,988
April, 1950	5,694	222	47,128	7,017
4 Months ended April, 1951	24,093	1,316	229,075	35,176
4 Months ended April, 1950	23,924	1,324	242,553	32,984

